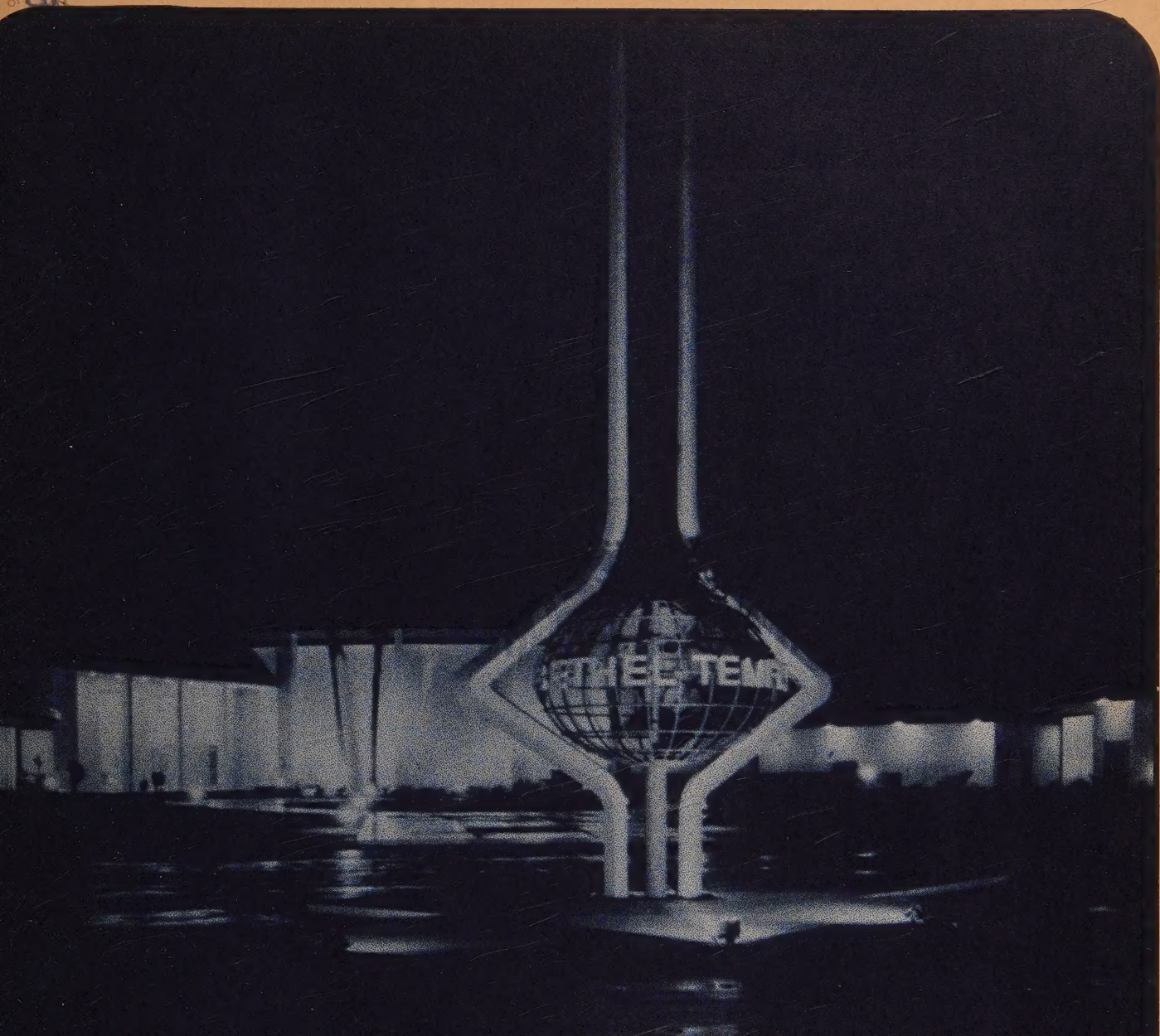


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CLAD **Tidings**

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THE WITNESSING CHURCH IN A SECULAR WORLD

by Myron F. Boyd — N.A.E.

Part II

Mary Verghese, of Vellore Medical College, a native of South India, is an orthopedic surgeon. Her main work is operating on lepers. On an auto trip to the mountains she suffered a tragic accident. Her injuries were multiple—her back broken, her face hideously torn, her spinal cord severed. From below her arms down she will never be able to move again. Has she given up? No. She shows a great spiritual fortitude and says: "My heart still burns within me. I have something new that I can give to the leprosy patients which I didn't have before. She wheels herself to the operating room every morning six days a week spending from eight to ten hours operating on patients. On Sundays she wheels herself from bed to bed among the lepers and tells them the amazing and thrilling story of Christ, His provision and love for them. This is her life. She delights in it. This spirit of concern and compassion is the spirit of true evangelicals the world over.

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a Valentine

There is only one ingredient given us in this life that refuses to be chained by the physical limitations of time and distance. That special ingredient is called love.

It refuses to be bound by the limits of distance, for distance only makes the heart grow fonder, and separations only intensify true love. It refuses to be controlled by the element of time. In fact it reverses all natural trends, and the more it is tested by time, the deeper and stronger true love flourishes.

Love is of God, a part of God. That's why the more we love, the greater our capacity to love becomes. The more you love God sincerely, the more you will love each other truly.

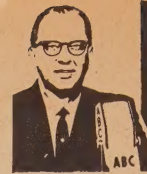
The basic element of love is respect. You can't really fall in love with people until you know them well enough to respect them. The more you respect, the greater will be your love; the more you love, the greater your respect.

You must respect the wishes of each other,

the opinions of each other,
the rights of each other,
the bodies of each other,
the friends and cherished
ideals of each other.

In this way you will walk into each other's lives, not as intruders but as cherished, invited guests, even as Christ now has access to your total being.

—Everett D. Penrod



Tune In... Listen To

REVIVALTIME

C. M. WARD, SPEAKER



SUICIDE SEEMED THE ONLY ANSWER

For me, life was no longer worth living, and I had rented a hotel room, planning to shoot myself. I turned up the volume on the small radio in the room to muffle the explosion, and then it happened. A booming voice spoke from the radio, "Mister, you're contemplating suicide right now. Don't do it!" It was C. M. Ward, and as he went on to explain the way of salvation, I fell on my knees and discovered the One who makes life worthwhile. Thank God for Revivaltime!

A Visit From The Man Upstairs . . .

The circuit riding preacher of yesteryear is a fellow who we only see on Gunsmoke or one of those TV shows about the frontier days, but the circuit rider lives and he's a living refutation of the modern philosophy that God is dead! The circuit rider who walked into the Information Office on 10 October 1968 could have come right out of our nation's past since he is a living example of the kind of "when men were men" we had on the Frontier.

Colonel John A. Lindvall is Chaplain Lindvall to all of the Frankford Arsenalites who met him during his visit. He had a standard greeting for everyone, "Hello, I'm your Chaplain," and military and civilian types alike eat it up. Unlike the old fire and brimstone circuit rider, Chaplain Lindvall uses the "soft sell." He has a smile like Gene Barry and a handshake like John Wayne . . . and little wonder. This father of four (half of which is a set of 20-year-old twins) is a WWII, Korea and Vietnam Vet who had a mere 58 jumps with the 82nd Airborne Division; he was the Padre who went into the Dominican Republic with our troops in 1965 and, in fact, has spent all of his 20 years active service with combat troops. One thing seemed to scare him—this is his first ministry experience with civilian types and he's a bit awed at the magnitude of the Munitions Command.

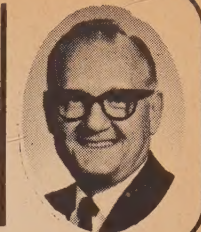
General White, our CG put him right on the job as spiritual advisor to the 32 MUCOM installations. Charged as he is, with the religion and morale in our big family, he has to visit all of our installations and people. Already, after only two months on the job, he has visited 15 installations.

Chaplain Lindvall is the kind of father who would like to sit and talk about his family if he weren't so busy. In what little time he had, he let us know about the twins (boy and girl) being born in Switzerland and the other boy and girl being rebel and yankee . . . one born north of the Mason-Dixon Line and the other to the south! His yankee daughter was a year old before he first saw her. And his wife . . . well, his eyes light up when he tells about her. A native Pennsylvanian, she is from the hard-coal district . . . up around Clearfield, Pa. He met and won her in Stamford, Conn., and he joined the Army from there. "Of course," he says, "She doesn't see



ADMINISTRATIVELY SPEAKING

JOSEPH L. GERHART
District Superintendent



CONSIDER THE EVANGELIST

The Assemblies of God began as an evangelistic group of Christians filled with a compassion for the lost which thrust enthusiastic men and women out to preach the Gospel in every conceivable location. The heart of the entire organization still is and must always be, "EVANGELISM." Without the continued vision and enthusiasm to reach the lost, our spiritual vigor and growth cannot continue. So, with great sincerity and concern I say, "CONSIDER THE EVANGELIST!" Evangelist George Holmes recently wrote me a letter which gives fresh, up-to-date, true facts concerning certain gnawing problems which every evangelist faces. Read what he says, "An Evangelist . . .

1. He pays his own Social Security Tax.
2. He pays his own insurances, hospitalization, retirement (if any).
3. He receives no housing allowance, no car or gas allowance.
4. He has no paid vacation.
5. If he attends a convention, he pays all his own expenses and, in addition, loses remuneration because of not preaching.

much of me, I'm always on the road," but he lets you know that she always has a warm welcome waiting for him when he comes through the front door of their home at Edgewood (Arsenal), Maryland.

Chaplain Lindvall has been around; name a place, he's been there. Born in Muskegon, Michigan, of Swedish parents, he speaks the language, and many others. He stopped to talk to our translator, Nina Mark, and gabbed to her in several languages. He's great at repartee, but the essence of the man is his sincerity . . . he turns you on, and we have a hunch he's going to start turning people on all over the Munitions Command.

Chaplain Lindvall was tremendously interested in our Frankford Arsenal program of religious services

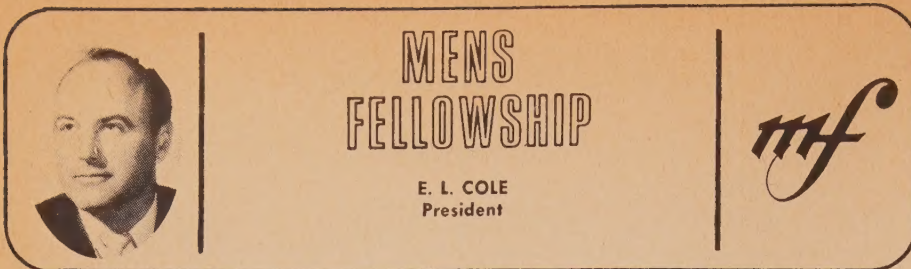
"If a church expects an evangelist to start and finish on a Sunday, it should realize that the second (or third) Sunday is worth at least one third of a week in earning power . . . If a church cancels an evangelist within a few weeks of starting date, after a firm arrangement has been made, reasonable financial consideration should be shown him . . . Pastors will help evangelists by prompt replies to their correspondence . . . 'Not that I mention this in terms of privation, for I have learned to make ends meet in whatever situation I am' (Phil 4.11 Berk.)."

I have arranged a breakfast meeting for Evangelists who are members of this District Council and who have given at least six months to full-time evangelism during 1968. Discussion time will be given. Breakfast Meeting: Tuesday, March 4, 7:30 a.m. — Place to be announced.

(For further information and reservations contact me by letter or telephone during office hours. Any suggestions from our evangelists or pastors that are of mutual concern and interest should be sent to me at once. J.L.G.)

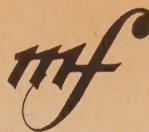
for all denominations. He's hip on ecumenism and knows whereof he speaks. "After all," he says, "the military has known ecumenism for years—since WWII Chaplains have been ministering to the spiritual needs of the military man and his dependents in all sorts of situations and no one ever stops to ask the denomination of a Chaplain. It sort of gives a Chaplain a warm feeling to have this acceptance." He's right, you know, and he left some of that warm feeling behind when he departed Frankford Arsenal. Here's hoping you get to share in it soon. Chaplain Lindvall has enough warmth for all of us to share in.

U. S. Army Information Office
Frankford Arsenal,
Philadelphia, Pa.



MENS FELLOWSHIP

E. L. COLE
President



Light-For-The-Lost in Review

Sunday, May 4, 1969 has been designated Light-for-the-Lost Day throughout our Assemblies of God fellowship. Once each year a strategic foreign city is selected for a massive literature saturation crusade combined with a major revival effort. Light-for-the-Lost provides the evangelism literature needed through receipts from churches who contribute a single offering on this special day. This distinguishes this national project from others being sponsored by churches on an annual basis. This years' project is *Kinshasa*, capital city of the Congo, Africa. Additional information will be sent to your church later pertaining to this project.

In 1967 the national project was Bombay, India. Missionary Jim Anderson reports 2,150,000 pieces of evangelistic literature was distributed in Bombay and the surrounding areas. The tracts and booklets were provided in the English, Hindi, Marathi, Telugu, Malayali, Tamil and Kynaris languages.

Reaching a city the size of Bombay involves much time and effort. Revival meetings were scheduled in different areas of the city. The literature was distributed from house-to-house and person-to-person prior to each meeting. Many came to the meeting with literature in hand inquiring about how to be saved asking for deliverance from Narcotics and Alcohol. God marvelously delivered him.

One of the national pastors in the Chembur area came in contact with the leader of a Criminal Hutman tribe. The leader accepted Christ as Saviour and was so thrilled about salvation that he returned to his people and told them what had happened. The people expressed a desire to know more about Christ. The

pastor requested Brother Anderson to come. The area was one of the more depressed where no lights were available and the people lived in filth. A kerosene lantern was used to find the way to the area and the people sat on the ground listening to the message. When the invitation was given, 262 raised their hands for salvation. Thinking they had misunderstood, Brother Anderson went carefully through what was involved in accepting Christ and becoming a Christian. Again he gave the invitation and again 262 hands were raised representing almost all of the people present.

Another crusade held in the Nehru Memorial Stadium in Ahmednager was preceded by the distribution of more than 300,000 pieces of Light-for-the-Lost literature. Thousands packed into the stadium. The first night 127 people prayed their way through to a born again experience in Christ.

Brother Anderson reports that as a result of the massive literature distribution in conjunction with the crusades, more than 75,000 replies have come to him asking for more literature and wanting someone to come and tell them more about Christ. Thus the project in Bombay is already a tremendous success and the story continues to grow as the days go by.

Singapore was the national Light-for-the-Lost Day project in 1968. Missionary Fred Seaward reports that during the initial phase of the crusade, 142,000 Gospel leaflets and 30,000 tracts were handed out, each bearing a notice of the meeting. Copies of the Book of Acts and the

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Change of Dates

The overseas trip of the Men's Fellowship Department called "Men and Missions" which was advertised as leaving on March 13 — has been postponed temporarily and will be rescheduled at a later date. Further announcement will be forthcoming.

Those interested in making the trip should contact the District MF office for information regarding the actual date.

National Training Camp

July 16-20 are the dates this year for the Royal Rangers National Training Camp. This is an advanced course for commanders and councilmen, and is conducted by National Commander John Barnes.

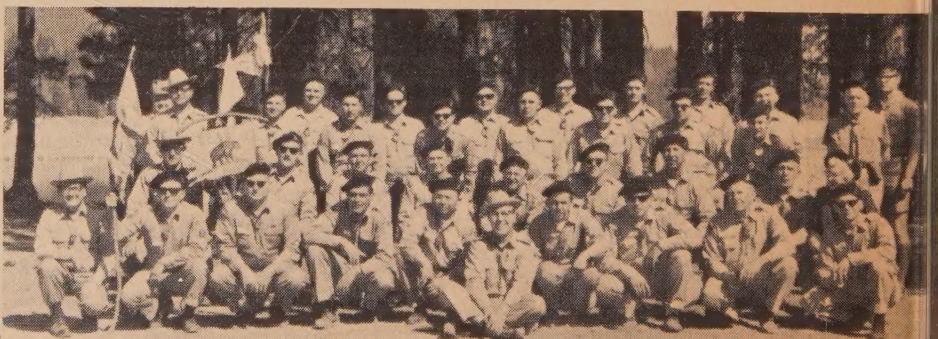
The camp will be held again at Shaver Lake California with actual experience in field camping while there.

Reservations should be made in advance. There is a very limited capacity and registration or information may be obtained by writing the District Royal Rangers Department in Santa Cruz.

PICTURE 1 — District Chaplain J. Gerhart, So. Calif. District Commander Ron Halvarson, National Commander John Barnes, Regional Aide de-Camp Wes Kilcrease, and Regional Frontiersman Representative from Northern California Paul Johnson.



PICTURE 2 — Entire group.



**COLE'S
CORNER**

"It's not what you know, but who you know."
Christianity is a PERSONAL relationship
with the Lord Jesus Christ.
ACTION CRUSADES

Goldia Anderson pictured with her mother-in-law who has made many dozens of lovely crib quilts for our orphanage overseas and for Home Missions.



WOMENS MISSIONARY COUNCIL

GOLDIA ANDERSON
President



WMC CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thirty-six foreign students from Bethany Bible College and Monte Vista Christian School gathered at the District Commissary December 13 for the annual Foreign Students Christmas Party given by Goldia Anderson and the WMC Department.

Sunshine boxes containing toiletry items were given to each student. The decorated boxes and contents were prepared and donated again this year by the Lake Berryessa WMC ladies. Mrs. Edna Smith, sectional director, was present to greet the students.

WMC Directors Elizabeth Gomes and Margaret Lebeck of the Peninsula and East Bay sections added a special touch to the party this year by bringing lovely gifts for the students from their sections, also.

Following the presentation of gifts, Christmas cookies and punch were served to the students.

➡ Servicemen's Center
Bangkok, Thailand

Foreign Students, Sectional Directors, WMC Office Staff, and Special Guests.



Left to Right: Elizabeth Gomes, Margaret Lebeck, Goldia Anderson, Edna Smith.



ANNUAL

WMC DAY

1969



MARCH 4

BETHEL TEMPLE, SACRAMENTO

MORNING SERVICE — 10:00 a.m.

Featuring:

REV. WESLEY HURST, Home Secretary of the Foreign
Missions Department, Springfield
MARY JANE, soloist
MILITARY MEN'S CHORAL GROUP
BRASS BAND

OPERATION PENNIES — 1:30 p.m.

Pennies will be going to Servicemen's Center
Bangkok, Thailand

18 BEAUTIFUL FLOATS

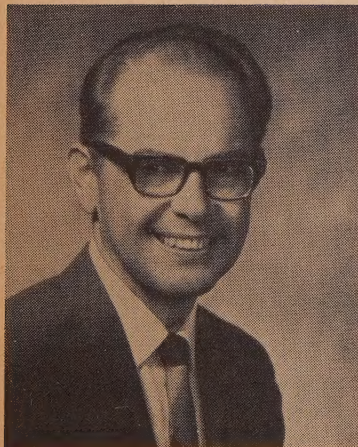
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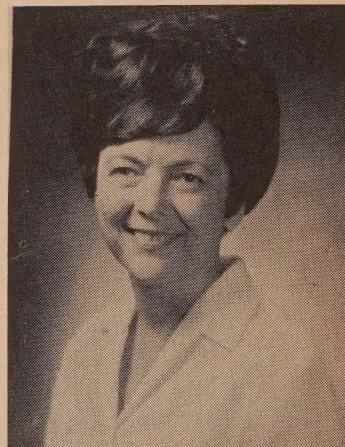
EL DORADO HOTEL, SACRAMENTO

Speaker:

MRS. JUNE HURST
Wife of Rev. Wesley Hurst
Former Missionary to Africa



REV. WESLEY HURST



MRS. JUNE HURST



PEOPLE AND PLACES

All news in this section is printed as contributed by the Assemblies. We welcome brief reports from all of our Churches and Evangelists. All photos should be sharp, high contrast, black and white glossies.

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PASTOR JOSEPH A. FERRANTE . . .

. . . of Bethel Assembly, Napa, reports, "The Lord blessed Bethel in 1968. Membership increased from 47 to 84. Sunday School attendance rose from an average of 60 to 96. More recently it has averaged 130. We presently have about 175 adherents which is nearly 400% increase during the past two years. The Lord Jesus has also blessed spiritually with scores saved, healed and baptized in the Spirit. All glory is given to our wonderful God!"

ORANGEVALE ASSEMBLY MISSIONETTES . . .

. . . provided a most wonderful Christmas Party for the Calvin Zeissler family. This group of girls raised \$237.00 with which they bought gifts for this missionary family.

PICTURE 1 — Missionette Coordinator Dee Collinsworth distributing gifts to Zeissler family.



PICTURE 2 — L-R Missionette sponsors, Zeissler family, Pastor and Mrs. Sturgeon.

PASTOR MAX INMAN . . .

. . . of Twin Palms Assembly in San Jose reports an outstanding moving of God in the church. Six new converts have just been baptized in water and 15 new members have been added to the church rolls.

HIGHWAY CITY ASSEMBLY . . .

. . . recently enjoyed dedication services with Secretary-Treasurer W. O. Vickery bringing the message. The auditorium seats 256 and is beautifully furnished. Pastor E. M. McKim has served the Assembly for seven years.



Exterior of Highway City Assembly

RIVERBANK ASSEMBLY . . .

. . . entered a float in the first annual Riverbank Christmas Parade. It depicted the Nativity scene with the reading of the Christmas Story from Luke 2. Members of the Junior Department along with their Supt. Fred Vallo and Pastor Darold Peters spent many hours working on the float. It was awarded Third prize.



EVANGELIST AUGUST A. ANDERSON . . .

. . . reports good meetings in Roanoke, Virginia, with Pastor J. V. Car diff. He states, "I make it my business to call in homes near the churches and minister in them and have had the joy of leading many to Christ by personal contact . . . how our people need to be awakened to personal evangelism. I will be back in California for a meeting in Long Beach, March 25-April 6, and hope other churches in my own District will open to me for ministry."

PASTOR JESS WILKINSON . . .

. . . Calvary Temple, Modesto, "It was a pleasure to have our Sunday Services recently blessed by the ministry of some of our District Officers. Superintendent Gerhart touched hearts as he so capably ministered in the morning service; Mrs. Goldia Anderson delighted the ladies with her warm and glowing presentation in the afternoon, and the day was crowned with the Lord's approval as C. A. President Jim Argue challenged the hearts of the youth and entire congregation in the evening. This was a very profitable day for Calvary Temple. Just preceding this special day, M. F. President Ed Cole graced the pulpit and gave an outstanding week of preaching and teaching. We deeply appreciate each one of these dedicated officers for contributing to the progress of our church."

EVANGELIST AND MRS. GEORGE HOLMES . . .

. . . are keeping busy in their very outstanding ministry in our churches. Recently they have been in meetings in Redwood City, Menlo Park, San Mateo, South San Francisco, Guerneville, Cupertino and Christian Center, Palo Alto.

PASTOR AND MRS. JOHN IP . . .

. . . First Assembly in Hong Kong are the proud parents of a fine son. John graduated from Bethany Bible College a few years ago and was called to serve as Pastor of his home church.



Elizabeth Ip and son, Nahum.

DONALD A. CALVIN . . .

. . . writes from Washington, D.C. "I was promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant (E-7) December 24 in a surprise Christmas Eve ceremony. In November I was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Navy Achievement Medal earlier this year . . . I rub shoulders with real VIP's here; some of them foreign diplomats and all with great responsibility in government . . . I have volunteered to return to Vietnam . . . I am preaching and teaching as Associate Pastor of Calvary Gospel Church here."

People & Places (cont.)

MRS. MAY SWANSON . . .

. . . has returned to Bethany Park to make her home after spending one year in Canada. She is teaching one class at Bethany Bible College and wishes her many friends to know that she is available for week-end services in the churches. Welcome Home, Mrs. Swanson! Her address: 385 Tabor Drive, Santa Cruz, Calif. 95060. Telephone: 408-438-2228.

CHAPLAIN JULES BALLAS . . .

. . . writes from Germany, "This has been a rewarding assignment . . . I am kept extremely busy as Hospital Chaplain. We have seen some real miracles of healing here; however, there are times and situations where we need the support of praying people. If there are any prayer groups . . . Please add hospital workers to the list."

Chaplain Ballas served as coordinator of the 12th annual Servicemen's Retreat at Berchtesgaden, November 4-8. Special music was under the direction of Eddie and Ruth Washington.

PICTURE 1 — Joe Mazzu, Howard Bush, James Hamill, Jules Ballas, Richard Fulmer.



PICTURE 2 — Ruth and Eddie Washington.

Joe Mazzu, missionary to France was the morning devotional speaker; Howard Bush, assistant general superintendent, morning speaker; Pastor James Hamill, Memphis, Tenn., evening speaker; Chaplain Jules Ballas, Nurnberg, Germany, Retreat coordinator; Richard C. Fulmer, servicemen's representative for Europe, assistant coordinator.

A/G Servicemen's Retreat, Berchtesgaden, Germany, 

ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA . . .

First Assembly of God is experiencing a great revival. During the past eight months 45 have accepted Christ as Saviour, 25 have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and 29 have followed the Lord in Water Baptism. The attendance has grown from an average of 40 in February to 170 in November.

During October we registered voters to cast their vote for God by being in Sunday School on November 3rd. We organized two "parties" within the Sunday School and the losers had to serve the winners at our Victory Banquet. The climax of our campaign was a great Sunday with 207 in Sunday School.

In the past year our Sunday School Staff has grown to the size we were running in the entire Sun-

day School at the first of the year. We have purchased a Sunday School bus for community outreach and bring between 45 and 50 each week. The bus operates on Wednesday evening to bring Missionettes and Royal Rangers to their meetings.

God has blessed us with a tremendous Ministry to the Saints. The secret has been a ministry in the 'Inner Court,' a Ministry to God. The people met every night except Saturday for 13 weeks to pray and worship. One of the many victories that came as a result was the salvation of a man whose wife had been praying for him for 17 years. God gloriously changed his life. Families have been reunited and physical needs have been met.

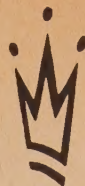
Lee Paino, Pastor





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BERENT N. KNUTSEN
Director



CAN VBS SUCCEED?

Paul Boyd

Chairman, VBS Commission

It was four o'clock in the morning. I awoke suddenly with VBS on my mind. This is most unusual, even though I believe that Vacation Bible School is a valuable part of church ministry.

Why are there diversities of opinion regarding the value of VBS? Why is it that churches do not conduct VBS? Let us look at four of the major roadblocks together.

Attitude

Attitude will determine the value one places on any project or program. VBS is no exception. If, for instance, one classifies VBS as another church function that has to be incorporated into the church program, it will not get off the ground. If, on the other hand, the need for the education of our youth is brought into focus, and that VBS is an opportunity in which a substantial number of hours of Bible instruction can be added to the educational curricula of the church, in addition to this fact opportunities will be afforded for the children of our communities to become converted to Christ, then VBS has promise for success.

The pastor is the key. He himself must be convinced. My personal experience has been that workers can easily be recruited if they understand the priority that is placed upon VBS by the pastor. This has proven a surprising solution to the worker shortage.

Enthusiasm

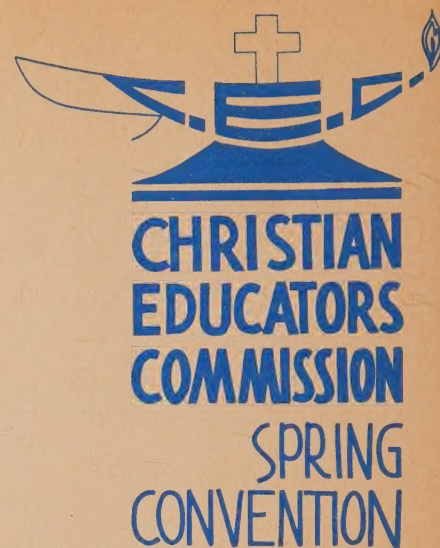
Lord Tennyson once said, "I rate enthusiasm above professional skill for success." This same philosophy can well be applied to Vacation

Bible School. I do not, necessarily, place it above other points in importance, and perhaps not even equal with some, but a VBS will not succeed without it. It can play a very important part in the area of financing. Offerings received as a result of our contests usually pay for most of our VBS expenses. This is to say nothing of the advantage of enthusiasm in attendance building and publicity. Children excited about VBS are your greatest means of advertising and promotion.

Structure

A friend of mine, who was an unemployed carpenter, entered the union hall to await his turn to be placed on a job. He was one of those nearer the end of the list of the unemployed and had little hopes of being fortunate enough to be sent out on that particular day. The hall steward announced that he needed someone to do framing. When no one responded, my friend, who knew how to frame, offered his services and immediately went to work. The others were apparently waiting to be called to do finish carpentry.

One of the major factors in a successful VBS is the PROGRAM STRUCTURE. It isn't difficult to nail on the siding or put on the trim after the frame has been assembled. A good policy is to follow the proposed outline suggested in the VBS Planbook. It does not have to be followed to the letter. Your local situation may call for an adjustment. If care is taken in program structure, much of the rest seems to fall into place and every year your VBS will become easier as the problems in organization, leadership, etc., are ironed out. A good framer builds solid buildings.



The Christian Educators of our District are having their annual spring convention March 21-22 in the new Holiday Inn of Concord.

The topics and speakers have been carefully selected with an eye to your interests. Two of the speakers are Jack Carmichael - Oral Roberts University and Herb Ellingwood, Legislative Representative for the State Bar of California.

For complete details make sure you are on the mailing list of Christian Educators in our District. Send your name and address to:

Harold Martin
P.O. Box 961
Santa Cruz, Ca. 95060

Anointing

Although machinery and organization are needed in almost all areas of church functions it is of little effect without the anointing of the Holy Spirit. As E. M. Bounds states in his book *Power Through Prayer*, "The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men . . ."

Lead the staff into a ministry of prayer. Wait for the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and you can't help having a successful VBS in 1969. Be sure to begin now.

C. E. LUNCHEON --

G. W. HARDCASTLE, JR.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Gaston Hall
BETHEL TEMPLE

MARCH 6, 1969
12:15 p.m.





CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

JIM ARGUE
President



6,000 MILES — 18 RALLIES — \$85,000

Missionary Bernhard Johnson from Brazil joined D-Cap Jim Argue in the most successful Speed-the-Light tour in district history. Because of the all-time high record in '69 faith promise commitments, for the first time we will be able to accept every STL request submitted by our own district missionaries.

Top 5 Sections Faith Promise Commitments

East Bay	\$12,475
C.S. Joaquin	11,927
N.S. Joaquin	8,149
Peninsula	7,997
C. Counties	7,406

Top 5 Sections Percent of Increase

North Bay	228.4
C. Counties	211.7
Capital	150.8
C.S. Joaquin	120.2
Redwood	118.9

Top 5 Sections STL Rally Offerings

Sierra Nev.	\$1,088.29
Redwood	220.16
Lake Men.	154.96
East Bay	142.90
Peninsula	122.48

Top 5 Sections Rally Attendance

East Bay	650
Capital	500
Peninsula	400
Sac. Valley	350
So. S. Joaquin	350

Over 6,000 miles were traveled, 18 rallies held, and 4,810 people attended. STL rally offerings totaled \$2,672.42.

The most thrilling aspect of the tour was the anointed, dynamic preaching of Bernhard Johnson. A host of youth responded each night in committing their lives to Christ for service. Many of these youth enlisted in the Christmas YMM teams.

PICTURE 1 — L to R — D-Cap Jim Argue, V.P. Dwight Burchett, Missionary Evangelist Bernhard Johnson scanning STL statistical charts used in rallies.

PICTURE 2 — Rolf Funk, C.A. Rep of Sierra Nevada Section and director of bottle collecting project.

PICTURE 3 — Copy of check presented D-Cap in Sierra Nevada Sectional STL rally. Money was earned by C.A.'s collecting over 25,000 pop bottles at 4¢ each.

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Gospel of John were provided each convert together with a scripture memorization guide and a card to enroll in a correspondence course.

The people of Singapore were known to be slow to respond to altar calls, so 200 chairs were set up behind the platform in the National Theater to accommodate converts and counsellors. However, when Evangelist William Caldwell gave the invitation the first night, the people surged forward, and overflowed the counselling room. Three hundred additional chairs were added for the remainder of the crusade. Over 1,000 decisions for Christ were officially recorded during the first week.

Brother Seaward concluded his report by stating that this account was only the beginning of the Singapore Good News Crusade which continues on today!

AIR CATHEDRAL ERECTED IN SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

... An Air Cathedral made primarily of nylon-reinforced vinyl equipped with gold and white plastic panels designed like stained glass windows has replaced the traditional tent for evangelistic services in San Jose, Costa Rica. When inflated the "air cathedral" is 60 feet wide, 30 feet high and 200 feet long and can seat up to 3,500 persons. The church is inflated and ventilated by three squirrel-cage blowers. It is also equipped with two direct gasoline engine generator/alternators to provide electricity, five mercury-vapor light assemblies, a sound system with tape play-back and stereo capabilities, a 16 mm. sound movie projector and a backlighted semi-opaque screen projection.

Over 1000 people attended the first services which were conducted October 27 by Elmer and Lee Bueno and David Tyree who will be the pastor of the permanent church which will be established as a result of the meetings.

FIRST CHRISTMAS IN FRANCE ...

... After a year of laborious language study in Switzerland, the Bill Williams family moved to France in time to spend their first Christmas there. They located a suitable house and all lent a hand to get it into shape for living by Christmas.

Bill has been appointed Director of the International Correspondence Institute. This program of Evangelism by Correspondence is being launched immediately. During the summer they anticipate being active in Youth Camp work and Crusade Evangelism. There is also an open door for Child Evangelism in the Paris area.

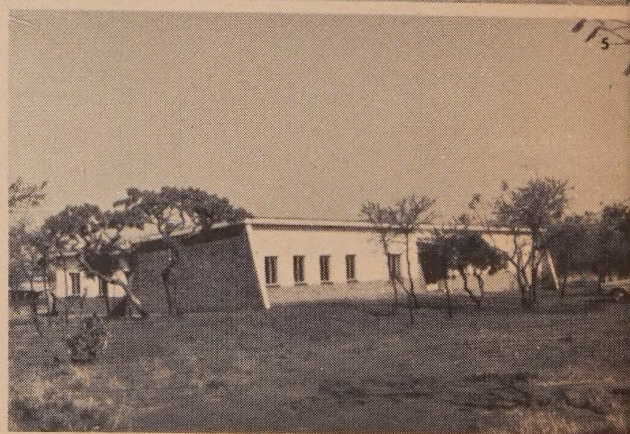
The Buenos say that so far many hundreds have been won to the Lord. Their telecasts have been well received and thousands watch each Saturday evening.

AFRICAN BIBLE TRAINING INSTITUTE

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Missionary Mel Grams has provided photos which depict the work the Grams and the James Stewarts are mutually engaged in at the African Bible Training Institute.

- #1—JAMES STEWART FAMILY
- #2—MEL GRAMS FAMILY
- #3—FACULTY ABTI
- #4—CHAPEL
- #5—ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



NEW TESTAMENT
TRANSLATION PROGRESSES . . .

. . . Hal and Naomi Lehmann have been devoting their time to the translation of the Scripture into the native tongue. They say, "The New Year will have at least one "new" thing, if we are able to progress as we are at present. We are preparing "The Life of Jesus" from the Gospel accounts, from His birth right through to His ascension, including some of His teachings, parables, and miracles."

The Lehmanns have a new address which is Box 382, Tamale, Ghana, West Africa.

FURLOUGH EXTENDED . . .

. . . Bernhard Johnson informs us that their furlough has been extended and they will not be leaving the States until July 15 to return to Brazil.



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AFTER THE CLOSE OF THEIR
BIBLE SCHOOL IN AUGUST . . .

. . . John and Elsie PECK conducted V.B.S. and teacher training courses in a number of cities in Mexico, and attended the Mexican General Council in Merida Yucatan before returning to Guadalajara for the opening of school there. There are 23 students enrolled in the school.

FURLOUGHS TO BEGIN IN 1969 . . .

. . . A number of missionaries are looking forward to furloughs in 1969. Among them are: The Ralph Hiatts, Argentina in April; The James Berrys, Africa, in June; The Alex Shevchuks, Philippines in the summer; The Jacob Kockers, Liberia in July; The Ed Washingtons, Germany in July; The Ralph Williamses from Venezuela in July; The Don Corbins from Senegal in August; and The Paul Wrights from Rhodesia.

Some of Our Missionary
Family at Christmas

1. The Jim Grams, Brazil.
2. The Ralph Hiatts, Argentina.
3. The Mike Hines family, Mexico.
4. The Bernhard Johnsons, Brazil
5. The Earl Kramars, Colombia, S.A.
6. The Don Corbins, Senegal.

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at Christmas
and wishing you
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Campus Day for Hi-Schoolers

All high school juniors and seniors are invited to the annual Campus Day to be held at Bethany on Friday, February 28. (see ad) The affair is an open house designed to allow the prospective student to observe the life on a Bible college campus.

Such events as special classes, tours and seminars will give the student a sampling of the daily schedule which the Bethany student keeps.

An expanded chapel service will be held jointly with the student body and will feature the best of talent on the campus.

Bethany is an accredited, degree-granting college with majors in seven areas of study. It is located in a strategic area of the central coast of California, just seven miles from the Pacific Ocean.

Parents and pastors are encouraged to sponsor their young people for this day of educational orientation. Information may be obtained from the College Public Relations office.

Plotts Missions

Convention Speaker

The Reverend Morris Plotts, missionary evangelist from Lake Charles, Louisiana, will be the guest speaker for the Bethany Bible College missions convention to be held February 17-21. The convention is an annual affair on the campus.

The ministry of Reverend Plotts began 43 years ago in Nebraska. Since then he has served as pastor, evangelist, convention and camp-meeting speaker, radio minister and foreign missionary. His writings have appeared in several publications and his booklets are in thousands of homes. He has logged more than a million miles in circling the world twice, preaching in more than 2,400 communities as the guest of 42 denominations. He was the featured speaker in the mammoth missionary rally at the General Council of the Assemblies of God in Memphis, Tenn. in 1963. A founder of churches, he resigned his pastorate in Lake Charles, Louisiana in 1955 and for the past 13 years he and his

wife, Neva, have devoted themselves entirely to faith missionary enterprises.

In 1964 Reverend Plotts dedicated a large evangelistic center in Georgetown, British Guiana for which he raised the funds at the request of the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department. One thousand three hundred were present at the dedication of the temple which was built by Paul H. Palser. After this ministry in South America the missionary evangelist and his wife returned to Africa to establish the work of their mission in the Wagogo Tribe which numbers a million people and which has been so picturesquely described by Paul White in the popular "Jungle Doctor" series of books. In Dodoma in the heart of the East African bush country they set up a mission house to be the center of their work in 19 churches. They built 15 new church buildings of steel construction and carried on a training program for 60 native young men who were preparing for the ministry of the Gospel.

This new project is in Tehran, Iran where they will build an evangelistic center and Bible Training School in cooperation with Mark W. Bliss, Assemblies of God missionary there.

The Missionary Society of the College, in addition to holding the convention, sponsors a Fall Missionary Day, at which time an annual budget is presented. This year's budget came to \$14,500. Much of that amount was raised in pledges as Reverend Hal Herman spoke to the student body.

Friends of the College are invited to the services which will be held nightly.



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Whoever thought up this idea of showing the Almighty and the rest of mankind the reverence and humility of some of His creatures, is to be highly commended and thanked.

Please see that this expression is routed appropriately.

Sincerely,

George Holmes



RICE TO INDIA . . .

. . . Charlie Kruse and Paul Korock (from left), deacons of the First Assembly of God Church, Oakland, are shown with the five tons of rice their church is shipping today to Calcutta, India. Each drum will be filled with three sacks of rice for shipment to the Rev. Mark Buntain, head of the Assemblies of God missionary operation in Calcutta where 800 children are given one meal a day. Rice is in short supply in India.

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Mrs. Nettie Lankford tells of her healing . . .

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Two weeks later, I had my regular monthly appointment with my heart specialist as I had every month for two years. As he examined me, he was amazed, for the first time in two years my heart was beating normally and further examinations and tests showed that my heart had begun to repair itself from the damage that occurred two years before

this. Since then I have been able to really work for Him in a more complete way. It isn't the first time God has healed me in the 25 years I have served Him but I sincerely praise Him for it with all my heart.

Satan never gives up tho . . . a month after this to the day, my 12 year old son had a violent attack of appendicitis. We rushed him to the doctor and the doctor decided to take more tests. He was sure it was appendicitis but as our pastor, Reverend Lawrence prayed for him, we had the assurance God was going to heal. The Lord spoke to me and said, "Be anxious for nothing." The doctor was amazed when our son's blood count and temperature returned to normal, the pain vanished. The doctor decided to keep him in the hospital for 3 days but nothing ever showed up again. He has had no trouble since then either; this has been a month ago.

God is good; who can doubt him? (Mrs. Lankford's pastor, Rev. C. E. Lawrence of Calvary Assembly, Rio Linda, confirms this testimony of healing which took place in June, 1968. Pastor Lawrence states, "The Doctor states that the heart is repairing itself.")

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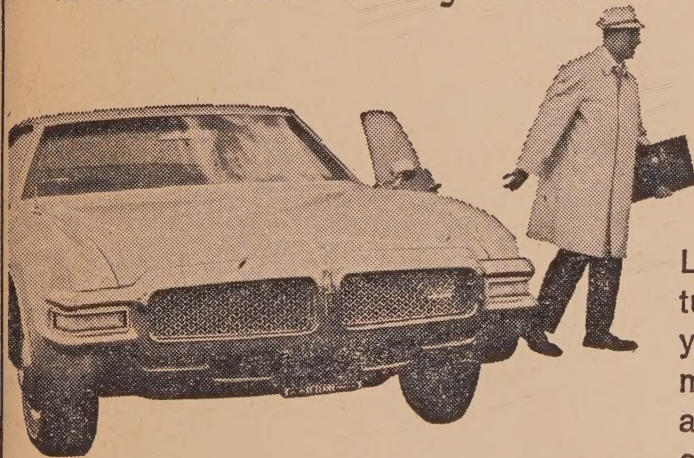
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